THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) At present there is no Redline bus operating on this route.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) As per Unified Time Table based on the RITES Report, the frequency schedule of this route is 34/68 minutes. DTC operates 3 buses on route No. 378 and all the 3 buses are actually operating on this route. Due to continuous shortfall in the DTC fleet, it is not possible for DTC to augment its services.

(f) No, Sir.

Demands of Funds for Maintenance of National Highways in Maharashtra

7227. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI V.N. GADGIL:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the demands for allocation of funds for original works, maintenance and repairs of National Highways submitted by the Government of Maharashtra during the last five years, alongwith the details of allocation made during that period;

(b) whether it is a fact that the rate of allocation made for the above works had been decreasing rapidly and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have received representation from the Govt. of Maharashtra for less allocation during that period and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) A demand of about Rs. 326 crores for original works and Rs. 150 crores for maintenance and repairs of National Highways was made by the Government of Maharashtra during the last five years (1990-91 to 1994-95). Against this, an allocation of Rs. 155 crores for original works and Rs. 86 crores for maintenance and repairs was made.

(b) The funds made available are generally less than the requirement in view of budgetary constrainsts.

(c) Due to shortage of funds various State Governments including Maharashtra State have been representing from time to time for allocation of more funds.

Declaration of State Roads as National Highways in Maharashtra

7228. SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra Government has sent a proposal to the Union Government for declaring eleven state roads as national highways;

(b) whether only one of the proposals namely Ratnagiri-Solapur-Nagpur Road, has been accepted by Government while the other ten proposals have been rejected; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Owing to meagre allocation of funds for National Highways during the 8th Five Year Plan, there is no proposal to declare any new National Highway at this stage.

Frequency of DTC Buses in Delhi

7229. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:
SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the timings and present frequency of the buses of Delhi Transport Corporation plying on route numbers 52, 560, 570;

(b) whether the frequency of buses plying on the above routes has been reduced considerably in the recent past, causing great difficulty to the passengers;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken to restore previous frequency and timings of buses plying

on the above routes, to give immediate relief to the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The route numbers 52 and 570 are Peak Time Services and the frequency of route No. 560 is 45/90 minutes as per RITES Report. The timings of these routes are given in statement (*see* below).

(b) to (d) Only one DTC bus was scheduled to operate on route No. 560 but due to shortfall in fleet, the operation has since been discontinued. However, route No. 52 and 570 are Peak Time Services and are still in operation. Due to shortfall in DTC fleet, it is not possible to maintain the schedule/frequency of these routes, or to augment its services.

Satement

Route No. 52

Nauroji Nagar	Kidwai Nagar	Jantar Mantar
0904	0835	0904
	0935	0936
		1008
		1736
		1800
		1824

Route No. 570

Nauroji Nagar	Kend. Terminal/ A.V. Bhavan.
0836	1710 AV
0924	1735 Ud. Bhavan.
0948	1736 K. Terminal
1800	1810 AV
	1825 Ud. Bhavan.

Route No. 560

Safdar Jang Enclave	Jantar Mantar
0815	0900
0945	1030
1200	1245
1325	1410
1625	1710
1755	1840
2010	2055
2140	2225

पत्राचार विद्यालय के विद्यार्थियों को डीटीसी बसों के पास जारी किया जाना

7230. श्री रामगोपाल यादव: क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार अन्य विद्यालयों की तरह पत्राचार विद्यालय के विद्यार्थियों को डीटीसी बसों के सर्वमार्गीय पास जारी करने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस विषय में कब तक निर्णय ले लिए जाने की संभावना है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाईटलर): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) पत्राचार पाठ्यक्रमों के छात्र नियमित छात्र नहीं होते हैं। उन्हें वर्ष में बहुत कम दिनों के लिए सम्पर्क कक्षाओं में भाग लेना होता है। इसलिए पत्राचार पाठ्यक्रमों के छात्रों को उन नियमित छात्रों के समान नहीं माना जा सकता जो दिल्ली के ऑल रूट छात्र रियायती पास के पात्र होते हैं।

More Funds for National Highways in Gujarat Cities

7231. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request for allocation of more funds for National Highways and Ring Roads in Ahmedabad, Baroda, Surat, Rajkot, Bhavnagar, Jamnagar and Gandhidham;

(b) if so, what is the total Central allocation for these seven major cities of Gujarat for the current and the next financial year;

(c) what are the reasons for not fulfilling their demand substantially; and

(d) whether Government propose to give special grants for these seven cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The